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Mission Statement of
King of Glory Lutheran Church:
**Uniting People,
Uniting Purposes,
Uniting Paths in Christ**

OFFICE INFORMATION

Hours

Wednesday—Thursday—Friday

10:am – 3:30 pm

Phone: 805-498-4812 Fax: 805-498-7912

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Church Council 3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm

Preschool Board 3rd Thursday @ 5:15pm

Choir Rehearsal Each Tuesday @ 7:00pm

Hospitality Committee

3rd Sunday after worship

Worship Committee

4th Sunday after worship



Grace Notes

As I've taken my walks on these mostly grey October days, my eyes are drawn to the trees, some colorful in autumn dress, some bare and spare. And there I see the Autumn Harvest: pods bursting open, acorns, peppercorns, berries of all colors and kinds. And I am filled with wonder at the abundance around us. While we work and toil, nature too has been quietly producing and saving up for the next season, displaying the wonder and joy of Harvest Time.

This is my very favorite season of the year—the season of GRATITUDE for GOD'S GRACE! As I prepare comments for the Annual Report I think back over all you have accomplished this past year. As I look out at your faithful faces I am awed by the strength God has given you. As I look into the bright and eager eyes of our Children every day, I see Christ's light shining bright and the hope for an abundant future.

On Reformation Sunday we will dedicate our Time, our Talents, our Tithes and our offerings to God's service for another year of Worship and Growth. And how we use every gift of time, talent, and resources does matter!!

November begins with All Saints Day. We remember the faithfulness of those who have gone before us; we are humbled that in Baptism we are set aside as holy—singled out to be witnesses of God's goodness and lights of Christ's grace and compassion in the world.

On Veteran's Day we support and give thanks for public servants and remember their costly sacrifices.

We look ahead with expectation to Thanksgiving when we will join in a Community Service on Monday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m.—a new time and day of the week.

Then we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the crown of our church year, a time to remember that the One who watches over us, the One whom we seek to follow and emulate is a Sacrificing Servant. What a call!

We can serve the Lord with gladness and gratitude, in every season of our lives, in plenty and want, in rejoicing and grief, in death and birth.

As we vote and exercise our dearly bought religious and political freedom

As we interact with justice and kindness in the workplace and the world

As we educate ourselves and future generations in God's truth

As we listen to those whose hearts are breaking, and help those in need,

As we give back our First Fruits to the God Who Provides...

As we Worship

And as we begin our time of Advent Preparation on November 27.

Our lives are very full.

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. 1 Ths 5:17-18

Abiding with you in Christ's grace and love, *Pastor Christine*

Worship

	<i>Upcoming in Worship</i>	Readers	<u><i>Flowers</i></u>
11/6	All Saints Sunday	Lenore Silva	Rosemary Ostling
11/13	22 Sunday after Pentecost	Eli Olson	Lynn Fallis to celebrate Ron's Birthday
11/20	Christ the King	Dick Schwartz	Bob & Chris Stine Marshall's 8th Birthday
11/27	1st Sunday in Advent	Dick Lee	

Dear KOG Members and Friends,

In January I stated that my New Year's resolution is to count my blessings all year long, so here we go. Today I am thankful for prayers answered. So many prayers for healing have been answered. People have been comforted through tough times. We are still praying for KOG's permanent pastor, but in the meantime God has sent Pastor Sage. Right now we are praying that some of you are called to join in leading KOG as we continue God's work. Please prayerfully consider Paul's words and where you fit in:

Ephesians 4:11-12 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

In the meantime I am thankful for contributions each of you make, whether you are sewing, raking leaves, cooking for the dinner for the less fortunate, decorating for the season, teaching, singing or any one of a myriad of tasks. We all need one another's prayers. Please continue to pray for our KOG Pastor, KOG leaders, every member of our congregation, and friends and family beyond our church.

The KOG council has been considering the KOG church and KOG preschool budget as we plan for next year. In faith we are looking ahead, not knowing when God will call our next pastor. Tom, thank you for working very hard to put the budgets together. The Annual Meeting will be November 20 after service and a coffee time snack to keep up our energy. Council has also been looking ahead to Advent and Christmas activities. Please look at the updated calendar on the KOG website.

With Thanks for Grace,
Walt Chandler



November 2011 Preschool News

It seems the months are flying by. September and October were busy months, with Back to School night, the Pumpkin Patch trip and our costume parade and parties. Now it is time to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our themes for this month are **General:** Home & Family - Family Traditions - Foods - Thanksgiving - Native Americans/Pilgrims, **Christian:** God is Great, God is Good - Let us Give Thanks, **Sensorimotor:** Balance, **Color:** Brown

We want to thank everyone who showed their support by placing cookie dough orders this year. For those of you who ordered cookie dough, or any of the other scrumptious items offered, *your orders will need to be pick up on Wednesday November 16th between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm.*

This year we will once again participate with churches and other community organizations in the *Community Christmas Shoppe* toy drive organized by ACTION. During the month of November we will be collecting new (unwrapped) toys and clothing for infants - teenagers. The need for sharing with others less fortunate is stronger than ever again this year, please help if you can. The donation box will be near the preschool office Monday – Friday and in the chapel on Sundays.

November 21st & 22nd will be our Preschool Thanksgiving Pot Luck Feast. Our feast gives us all an opportunity to remember how blessed we are and to share our thankfulness. At 11:30 each day we will meet in the Chapel for the children to sing their Thanksgiving Songs and then we will enjoy our feast which will be served to the children and their families in the fellowship hall kitchen area. We are looking for volunteers to help with serving the lunch. If you can help out please call the preschool (498-0567) and let us know which day you would like to help out. This is a wonderfully fun time for both the children and parents alike.

Just a reminder that the Preschool will be Closed on Thursday, **November 11th** in observance of *Veteran's Day*, as well as **November 24th & 25th** for the *Thanksgiving Holiday*. *We wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving.*



Announcements

The 2011 Annual Congregational meeting will be November 20th

Congregational Meeting



Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendars for our annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**, to be held at St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church, just across the street from King of Glory, in conjunction with St. Julie's and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, on **Monday, November 21, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.** (please note the different day and time). There will be an offering taken up for the Conejo Compassion Coalition (a local group, which our three churches helped found and continue to support, that does international relief and development work). Our combined choirs have lots of beautiful music planned, along with great congregational hymns and songs. Please bring a dessert to share in the St. Julie's Parish Hall following the service, if you can. We need volunteers, especially to help with clean-up afterwards. See Carol Browning, Music Director (outoftheway@earthlink.net or 310-463-3233, cell), to sign up. Come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ in giving thanks to our gracious God!

Wooden Crosses for the Preschool

Have you looked in the preschool rooms lately? Pastor Sage's father noted that there was a request from the preschool in our bulletin for several wooden crosses that they wanted placed in their school rooms. He constructed the wooden crosses and the children have a visual reminder of God's love. Thank you!

Thank you for all the hard work in getting our downstairs bathrooms ready for school to start. To the many friends from church that helped and most of all to Erin Walker who was in charge of the painting and general clean up

Are you the person we are looking for? The last couple of years, we have had very successful rummage sales at church. We would like to continue this tradition, but we need **YOU TO ORGANIZE IT**. There will be many helpers, but we need a person taking charge. If you have the time and space to store the items ahead of the rummage sale date, we would be grateful. Last year's proceeds helped pay for a portion of the Women's Retreat costs. We hope to share this year's proceeds with MOPS and are looking forward to their involvement. Please contact anyone on the Retreat Committee (Nancy Dawes, Renate Lee, Karen Malotte) and give us the good news that **you are the person we are looking for!**

Seminarian Update: If you'd like to keep up with Natalie Faltin's experiences at seminary, she's created a blog: <http://bachatschool.blogspot.com/> where you can read about her progress. Also, she and our other current KOG seminarian, Sharon Amundson, have rooms next door to each other in the dorm! Address for both 2770 Marin Ave. Berkeley, CA 94708

Ministries

KOG Choir/Music Ministry

Psalm 66 begins "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name..." The psalmist doesn't say make a "perfect" noise or even a "beautiful" noise, just encourages us to sing joyful praise to the glory of God's name. If you want to have fun and be joyful with a great group of people, consider joining our King of Glory Choir. We rehearse on Tuesday nights, from 7-8:30p.m., from September to mid-June, and lead our sung prayer in worship on Sunday mornings (and for other special services).

If you can't carry a tune but you play an instrument, there are lots of opportunities for giving your gifts in this way too. Please contact Music Director Carol Browning to find out about becoming part of KOG's Choir or instrumental Music Ministry (email: outoftheway@earthlink.net; cell: 310-463-3233; or find her at the piano after church on Sundays).

MOPS/POPS MEETINGS

MOPS—Mothers of Preschoolers/POPS—Parents of Preschoolers

Meetings are on the **second Wednesday morning of the month at 9:15 a.m., November 9th**, and again the **last Wednesday evening of the month at 6 p.m., November 30th**, at King of Glory Welcome Center.

Meetings involve food, fellowship, programs involving *activities and/or a speaker*, and interaction with caring Mentors. We are blessed to be a part of the National MOPS organization.

Our energetic and creative local co-coordinator is Christi Marriner—thank you, Christi! Contact her at any time: (H) 805-499-9690 (C) 805-341-6373 bobnchristi@gmail.com

(New!) POPS (Parents of Preschoolers) including MOPS, Dads, Single Parents, and families:

Wednesday evening, November 30th, at 6 p.m. Families, please join us for a light dinner provided.

Childcare *for Preschoolers and your older children* will be provided.

Hanging the greens: November 27 after service

KING OF GLORY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (LIFT)

Our noon Bible Study in November will explore the healing power of Jesus as we continue our study of Mark's Gospel (4:1 to 6:29) with special emphasis on 4:40 "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" -- We will meet on November 14th at noon at Joann Krebs' home (805-498-6029). Bring a friend - reach out.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will now meet **monthly**, and the next meeting is **Wednesday, November 16, 7:30am**, at Old New York Deli & Bakery Co. at 2700 Teller Rd. (Wendy becomes Teller East of the 101) at the corner of Teller & Hillcrest. A look at this week's scripture. Invite a friend! Please contact Walt Chandler for more information. 1-818-189-0268.

Women's Retreat

We are again looking forward to a wonderful and enriching week-end in Santa Barbara. 1) Please mark your calendar for May 4th through 6th in 2012: 2) start saving a dollar here and there, so that the cost will not seem so high when the time comes (ask for some \$ for Christmas?) and 3) pray that the person to lead us will be available and as excited as we always are about this opportunity for growth.

Fellowship

The Ladies' Christmas party will be Friday, December 2nd, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Joann Krebs, 158 Knollwood Dr., Newbury Park. Please bring a goodie to eat and a wrapped Christmas gift to share. To support the Winter Shelters at St. Julie's, please bring new socks for men or women. All women are invited to come and get to know each other.

Birthday Club

If you enjoy a good lunch out, great conversations and an opportunity to wish Happy Birthday to the honorees of the month, mark your calendars and join us the 1st Monday, November 7th, at Country Harvest in Newbury Park at 11:15am. We celebrate birthdays in November for Carolyn Linhart & Glen Sievers. RSVP to Joann Krebs, (805) 498-6029.

Bunko

This group will be meeting the 2nd Saturday, November 12th, at the home of Carole Johnson 1917 Seabreeze Street, Newbury Park, at 6:00pm. Any questions, call Carmen Barton at (805) 376-2164.

KING'S READERS Book Club

KING'S READERS book club will meet at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 16th, at Ginny Eddy's, 3025 Theresa, Newbury Park, (805-499-5384), to discuss THE IMMORTAL LIFE of HENRIETTA LACKS by Rebecca Skloot. Please join us.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Alternative Christmas : November 27th & December 4th plus 2 Pre school dates: contact Walt Chandler This will be an opportunity to support organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, and Fair Trade micro businesses in third world countries.

Come Help KOG Serve the Community Meal Each Third Saturday

King of Glory supports the Conejo Valley Shelter Program through feeding our less fortunate neighbors on the 3rd Saturday of each month across the street in the fellowship hall of St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church.

On October 15th we served Chicken, rice, fruit salad, vegetable dish, 2 gallons 2% milk, 2 gallons of juice, rolls or bread, and dessert. Many thanks to the many hands that cooked and served

Please remember to sign up in the church Welcome Center to bring an item for the next meal: November 19th.

ADOPT AN ANGEL: Adopt an angel is a program that Lutheran Social Services provides to their clients. This program is a outreach that we here at KOG can be a part of again this year. We will be providing Christmas presents for the children of these families. The angel's information will be posted for picking out by November 13th. After you pick your angel you will bring your wrapped gift to church on or before December 12th. Melody will be taking the gifts to Lutheran Social Services for distribution

November Liturgical Celebrations

During the first three weeks of November, we'll have two festival celebrations. On Sunday, **November 6th**, we celebrate **All Saints Sunday**, when we are reminded that the church is a communion, not just of the living and local people, but also of those deceased and distant. We keep in mind that even death can't divide us from the body of Christ, because Jesus Christ conquered death. In commemorating those who have died, we give thanks for what God has done through them: "When the church praises the saints, it praises God himself, who has triumphed through them." Those of us still on earth are supported by a "cloud of witnesses." What a comfort that is!

Two weeks after All Saints Sunday, another festival, **Christ the King**, on **November 20th**, ends the church's liturgical year as we celebrate the one who rules our hearts and minds. In today's American society, we may not have a very good impression of kings, perhaps thinking of them as just figureheads or as heads of state with great, sometimes ruthless, power over their people. The Bible promises that God's power and majesty differ radically from the reign of most human monarchs. Christ our King is a compassionate ruler who calls us to care for "the least of these" just as we would care for him. Let us worship Christ and follow his example through lives of service!

Are You Ready for Advent?

With Sunday, **November 27th**, we begin a **new liturgical year** (Year B) and will be hearing gospel readings from another evangelist - Mark - for much of our year. **Advent** is a season of preparation and waiting. The term “Advent” comes from the Latin “adventus,” which is translated from a Greek term, “parousia,” which means “coming.” God comes—in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the word and sacrament of each Sunday and in the sufferings of our time, and in the future at the end of all things.

We’ll have our Advent wreath on the altar, and light one, two, three, then four candles each Sunday, as a visible reminder of the promise of Advent that God is always at work in the world, bringing new beginnings and a new creation to people and powers long bent on destruction.

Our Advent scriptures give us, as a waiting church, some “best practices”: “Keep awake.” “Lead lives of holiness.” “Wait patiently.” “Be at peace.” “Prepare the way of the Lord.” “Repent.” “Rejoice always.” “Pray without ceasing.” Are you ready?.

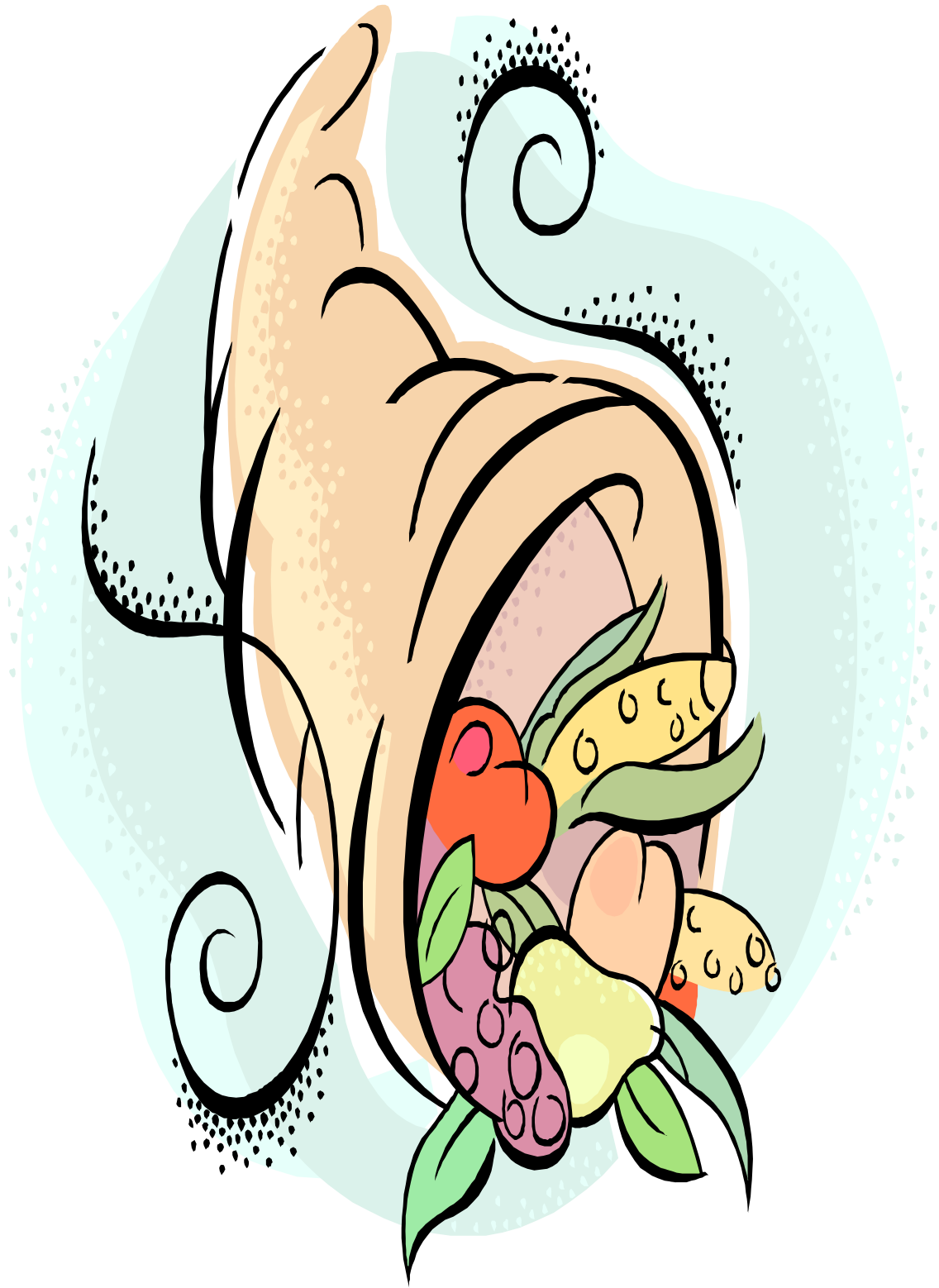
Please recycle and support our Preschool! They are collecting Inkjet cartridges (HP, Lexmark, and Dell) all year. Please drop off in the Preschool Office.

They also collect **Campbell's** product labels; the collection bin for labels is located near the front gate.

Preschool now needs: Pine Cones, 42 oz. Oatmeal Canisters (or the same sized Trader Joe Coffee cans) and the old style “tractor feed” computer paper. Thank you!!

Registration and Emergency forms are required and can be obtained in the Welcome Center or Church office.





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9:00am All ages Childcare (until 12 noon)

9:30am Holy Communion Worship

9:45am Sunday school (ages 4+)

10:30am Coffee and Fellowship

10:45am Adult Bible Study

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